ers regarding Finance Bill, 1992.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Shall we have 377 after Lunch?... All right. The House stands adjourned to meet again at 2.30 p.m.

13.35 1/2 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till thirty minutes past Fourteen of the Clock

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The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at Thirty Six minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

[*English*]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now we shall take up matters under Rule 377.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) Need to the steps for improving road/rail communications facilities in Rajapur Parliamentary Constituency

[*English*]

SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT (Rajapur): Rajapur parliamentary constituency is the most backward constituency in India. This is mainly due to the poor road and rail communications. I request the Central Government to pay special attention to this area and sanction the following:

Firstly, convert Western Coastal Highway (Sagri Mahamarg) into a National Highway.

Secondly, allocate sufficient funds to convert Nationnal Highway No. 17 (Bombay-Goa) to National Highway Standards.

Thirdly, allocate sufficient amount to Central Road Fund and also ensure funds from World Bank for the State and district roads.

Fourthly, heavy precipitation washes away all roads which are non-metalled. Please approach World Bank of EEC or Asian Development Bank for funds to convert all village roads to metalled roads as reparir of unmetalled roads every year is not cost effective.

And allocate funds in 1992-93 to State Government to construct all bridges on Western Coastal Highway.

(ii) Need for recruiting the residents of Bastar district, Madhya Pradesh in Nationalised Banks

[*Translation*]

SHRI MANKU RAM SODI (Bastar): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw your ateention the following issue under rule 377:-

Nationalised Banks have been set up in remote rural areas of Bastar district. Local dialect changes at every 25 kilometres in this district. Popular schemes of the Government, which are very important in public interest cannot be implemented due to inability of Bank employees to understand the local dialects therefore, many schemes remain on papers only. Adivasis cannot reporse confidence on Bank officers and employees due to their inability to understand local dialects. An Adivasi does not enter into any transaction with anyone until they accept him as his wellwisher from teh core of his heart, however useful the scheme may be.

Therefore, I request the Union Government that in future the local residents of Bastar district should be recruited in the Banker 'B' category posts down to class IV employees so that the problem of understanding local language-district may not be there and all the useful schemes of the Government in public interest may prove successful.

(iii) Need to review the decision for increasing the price of rice and wheat supplied through ration shops in Kerala